BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the application of Southern Missouri |) |
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| Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural |) |
| Gas for authority to enter into certain debt instruments |) |
| and to issue up to an including \$28,000,000 of short- |) File No. GF-2011-0352 |
| term indebtedness, in one or more transactions, and |) |
| to, among other things execute and deliver a mortgage |) |
| and security agreement to secure said indebtedness |) |

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: April 25, 2011 Effective Date: April 25, 2011

On April 22, 2011, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P. d/b/a Southern Missouri Natural Gas ("SMNG") applied to the Commission for permission to issue some \$28,000,000 in debt, and to pledge its Missouri operating assets as collateral. SMNG further filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment, asking the Commission to rule no later than June 1, 2011.

The Commission will direct its Staff to file either a recommendation or a status report informing the Commission of when it will be able to file its recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

 The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its Recommendation or a Status Report regarding the Recommendation no later than May 10, 2011. 2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed

Secretary

(SEAL)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of April, 2011.